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***Raised Bill No. 6562***

LCO No. 3594



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION AND TRANSITION TO  
COLLEGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall establish and  
4 maintain a program of adult classes or shall provide for participation  
5 in a program of adult classes for its adult residents through  
6 cooperative arrangements with one or more other boards of education,  
7 one or more cooperating eligible entities or a regional educational  
8 service center pursuant to the provisions of section 10-66a. Such board  
9 of education may admit an adult to any public elementary or  
10 secondary school. No person enrolled in a full-time program of study  
11 in any local or regional school district may enroll in an adult education  
12 activity unless (1) such person receives the approval of the school  
13 principal of the school in which such person is enrolled in such full-  
14 time program, or (2) such person is enrolled in an adult education

15 activity as part of an alternative educational opportunity during a  
16 period of expulsion, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
17 233d. Instruction: (A) Shall be provided in Americanization and  
18 United States citizenship, English for adults with limited English  
19 proficiency, [and] elementary and secondary school completion  
20 programs or classes, and college preparatory classes for adults who (i)  
21 have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent, and (ii) require  
22 postsecondary developmental education that will enable such adults to  
23 enroll directly in a program of higher learning, as defined in section  
24 10a-34, at an institution of higher education upon completion of such  
25 classes; and (B) may be provided in (i) any subject provided by the  
26 elementary and secondary schools of such school district, including  
27 vocational education, (ii) adult literacy, (iii) parenting skills, [and] (iv)  
28 any subject provided as part of a postsecondary developmental  
29 education program offered by an institution of higher education in this  
30 state, and (v) any other subject or activity.

31 (b) (1) Prior to July 1, 2004, no providing school district shall grant  
32 an adult education diploma to any adult education program  
33 participant who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty  
34 adult education credits, of which not fewer than four shall be in  
35 English; not fewer than three in mathematics; not fewer than three in  
36 social studies, including one in American history; not fewer than two  
37 in science; and not fewer than one in the arts or vocational education.  
38 On and after July 1, 2004, no providing school district shall grant an  
39 adult education diploma to any adult education program participant  
40 who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty adult  
41 education credits, of which not fewer than four shall be in English; not  
42 fewer than three in mathematics; not fewer than three in social studies,  
43 including one in American history and at least a one-half credit course  
44 in civics and American government; not fewer than two in science; and  
45 not fewer than one in the arts or vocational education. (2) Each  
46 providing school district shall determine the minimum number of  
47 weeks per semester an adult education program shall operate and

48 shall provide certified counseling staff to assist adult education  
49 program students with educational and career counseling.

50 (c) Providing school districts shall award:

51 (1) Credit for experiential learning, including: (A) Not more than  
52 two nonrequired credits for military experience, including training; (B)  
53 not more than one vocational education nonrequired and one required  
54 or not more than two nonrequired credits for occupational experience,  
55 including training; and (C) not more than one nonrequired credit for  
56 community service or avocational skills;

57 (2) Credit for successful completion of courses taken for credit at  
58 state-accredited institutions, including public and private community  
59 colleges, technical colleges, community-technical colleges, four-year  
60 colleges and universities and approved public and private high schools  
61 and technical high schools;

62 (3) Not more than six credits for satisfactory performance on subject  
63 matter tests demonstrating prior learning competencies; and

64 (4) Not more than three credits for independent study projects,  
65 provided that not more than one such credit shall be applied per  
66 subject area required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

67 (d) The State Board of Education may adopt regulations in  
68 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish standards  
69 and procedures governing the awarding of adult education credits for  
70 learning experiences pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any  
71 such regulations shall specify: (1) The procedures for awarding credits  
72 for military experience; (2) the types of occupational experience,  
73 occupational training and other specialized skills for which adult  
74 education credits may be granted; (3) the procedure for applying  
75 credits earned at accredited or approved educational institutions  
76 towards an adult education diploma; (4) the procedure for the  
77 administration of subject matter tests to assess prior learning

78 competencies; and (5) the procedure for evaluating and awarding  
79 adult education credits for independent study projects.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-69
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide a less expensive option for postsecondary developmental education by allowing students who need additional preparation for a college program to enroll in an adult education program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*